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SUBJECT: ARA WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

1. SUMMARY: THE FRASER SUB-COMMITTEE STARTED A NEW SERIES OF HEARINGS ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN LATIN AMERICA. I DISCUSSED A NUMBER OF HUMAN RIGHTS PROBLEMS WITH AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL. BILL LUERS TALKED ABOUT MEXICAN IMMIGRATION PROBLEMS AT THE NATIONAL PRESS CLUB. JOE GRUNWALD EXPLORED REGIONAL ECONOMIC INTEGRATION ISSUES WITH GENERAL LUIS BARANDIARAN. WE HAVE MADE PROGRESS IN SEVERAL ISSUES INCLUDING RATIFICATION OF THE COFFEE, TIN, AND WHEAT AGREEMENTS, THE US-MEXICAN FISHERIES AGREEMENT, AND THE TIJUANA FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT. CALM APPEARS TO BE RESTORED FOR NOW ON THE HONDURAS-EL SALVADOR BORDER.

2. HUMAN RIGHTS HEARINGS. HEARINGS WILL BE CONTINUING ON URUGUAY, PARAGUAY AND THE OAS WITH THE DEPARTMENT TESTIFYING. THIS WEEK MARTIN WEINSTEIN OF PATERSON COLLEGE AND EDDY KAUFMAN OF AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL TESTIFIED CHARGING THAT A PATTERN OF TORTURE EXISTS IN URUGUAY AND CALLING FOR A CUT
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OFF OF US MILITARY ASSISTANCE. CONGRESSMEN FRASER AND KOCH

WERE PRESENT. ON PARAGUAY, FORMER US AMBASSADOR TO BOLIVIA BEN STEPHANSKY, RUTGERS' PROFESSOR ALEXANDER AND AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL'S KAUFMAN ALL TESTIFIED THAT THERE IS A CONTINUING PATTERN OF GROSS VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS. BOTH

STEPHANSKY AND ALEXANDER GAVE HIGH MARKS TO OUR EMBASSY IN PARAGUAY FOR THE CLOSE CONTACT IT MAINTAINS WITH ALL SEGMENTS OF THE POLITICAL SPECTRUM AND FOR ITS GENERAL UNDERSTANDING OF THE PARAGUAYAN SITUATION.

3. MORE ON HUMAN RIGHTS. ROSE STYRON AND A GROUP FROM AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL CAME IN TUESDAY TO TELL ME ABOUT: A STUDY THEY ARE PREPARING ON CUBAN HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS; THE URUGUAY HEARINGS AND THE DIFFERENCES IN THEIR AND OUR ESTIMATES OF THAT COUNTRY; THE ARGENTINE PAROLE PROGRAM; AND THE OASGA AND ITS IMPACT ON CHILE. THEY WERE COMPLEMENTARY ABOUT THE SECRETARY'S SPEECH IN SANTIAGO. THEY WANTED TO KNOW WHETHER THEIR CAMPAIGN AGAINST URUGUAY AND CHILE WAS BRINGING RESULTS. I SAID IT WAS BRINGING RESULTS IN THE US CONGRESS BUT AS FAR AS I COULD TELL NOT BRINGING ABOUT CHANGES IN THE SITUATION IN CHILE OR URUGUAY.

4. COFFEE, TIN AND WHEAT AGREEMENTS. WE ARE MAKING PROGRESS ON SENATE RATIFICATION OF THE AGREEMENTS. ON TUESDAY THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE HELD A HEARING FOCUSED ON THE PRICE AND SUPPLY EFFECTS OF THE THREE COMMODITY AGREEMENTS AS WELL AS THEIR POLITICAL IMPORTANCE IN RELATIONS WITH LDC'S IN THE POST-UNCTAD 1V ENVIRONMENT. CASE AND SYMINGTON EXPRESSED SOME QUESTION ABOUT THE COFFEE AGREEMENT, WHILE NOT COMING OUT IN OPPOSITION TO IT. JOE GREEWALD, GERRY PARSKY AND JOAN BRADEN DEFENDED THE ADMINISTRATION POSITION EFFECTIVELY, RECEIVING STRONG SUPPORT FROM JAVITS AND PERCY. THEY STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF RATIFICATION OF THE COFFEE AND TIN AGREEMENTS FOR OUR RELATIONS WITH LDC'S AND FOR LONG-RANGE US CONSUMER INTEREST. THERE IS A SLIGHT CHANCE OF RATIFICATION BEFORE THE RECESS FOR THE REPUBLICAN CONVENTION.

5. IMMIGRATION -- MEXICO. BILL LUERS PARTICIPATED ALONG WITH GENERAL CHAPMAN AND OTHERS IN A PANEL TUESDAY AT THE CONFIDENTIAL

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NATIONAL PRESS CLUB. THE PANEL WAS INVITED TO DISCUSS IMMIGRATION, PARTICULARLY THE MEXICAN PROBLEM, AT THE INVITATION OF THE POPULATION INSTITUTE. THE PANELIST RECEIVING THE MOST APPLAUSE WAS A MEXICAN-AMERICAN FROM CALIFORNIA WHO BITTERLY ATTACKED INS FOR RACISM. GENERAL CHAPMAN SPOKE CALMLY BUT DID USE SPECIFIC, POSSIBLY EXAGGERATED FIGURES ON THE SIZE OF THE MEXICAN ILLEGAL POPULATION -- A PRACTICE THAT MAKES THE MEXICANS NERVOUS.

THIS PRESS SESSION CAME AT AN UNFORTUNATE MOMENT IN VIEW OF HEIGHTENED MEXICAN SENSITIVITIES OVER OUR AIR REPATRIATION FLIGHTS TO THE INTERIOR.

6. HONDURAS-EL SALVADOR -- CALM RESTORED: WE ARE RELIEVED

THAT THERE WERE NO NEW, MAJOR INCIDENTS ALONG THE BORDER THIS WEEK AND THE DANGER OF A RENEWAL OF THE 1969 "SOCCER WAR" HAS RECEDED. THE CENTRAL AMERICAN FOREIGN MINISTERS HAVE MET SEVERAL TIMES, INCLUDING THURSDAY IN GUATEMALA WHEN THEIR HONDURAN AND SALVADORAN COUNTERPARTS JOINED IN. WE EXPECT A FORMAL REQUEST TO THE OAS COMMITTEE OF SEVEN, OF WHICH THE US IS A MEMBER, FOR "OBSERVERS" TO VERIFY TROOP WITHDRAWALS ALONG A DISPUTED SECTION OF THE BORDER. OUR POLICY REMAINS ONE OF TRYING TO GET THE PARTIES DIRECTLY CONCERNED, WITH OAS HELP, TO SETTLE THIS LONG-STANDING ISSUE THEMSELVES, WITHOUT US INVOLVEMENT.

7. ANDEAN PACT. GENERAL LUIS BARANDIARAN, THE NEW PRESIDENT OF THE JUNTA OF THE ANDEAN PACT CAME TO SEE JOE GRUNWALD TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE US COOPERATION WITH THE REGIONAL ECONOMIC INTEGRATION SCHEME. HE SAID THAT HIS PREDECESSOR FOUND A NEGATIVE US ATTITUDE A FEW YEARS AGO. HE HOPED THAT THIS HAD CHANGED AND THAT WE NOW LOOK WITH SYMPATHY TO COOPERATING WITH LATIN AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS. JOE TOLD HIM WE ARE READY TO CONSIDER CONCRETE PROPOSALS.

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